OPINION 1485

Filellum serpens Hassall, 1848 (Cnidaria, Hydrozoa): specific and generic names conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers:

(a) the following generic names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:

(i) *Coppinia* Hassall, 1848;

(ii) *Conchella* Gray, 1848;

(b) the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:

(i) *arcta* Dalyell, 1847, as published in the binomen *Sertularia arcta*;

(ii) *intertexta* Couch, 1844, as published in the binomen *Campanularia intertexta*.

(2) The name *Filellum* Hincks, 1868, (gender: neuter), type species by monotypy *Campanularia serpens* Hassall, 1848, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *serpens* Hassall, 1848, as published in the binomen *Campanularia serpens* (specific name of the type species of *Filellum* Hincks, 1868) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The following names, as suppressed in (1) (a) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology:

(a) *Coppinia*, Hassall, 1848;

(b) *Conchella* Gray, 1848.

(5) The following names, as suppressed in (1) (b) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *arcta* Dalyell, 1847, as published in the binomen *Sertularia arcta*;

(b) *intertexta* Couch, 1844, as published in the binomen *Campanularia intertexta*.

History of Case 2508

An application for the conservation of *Filellum serpens* Hassall, 1848 was received from Dr P. F. S. Cornelius (*British Museum (Natural History), London, U.K.*) and Dr D. R. Calder (*Royal Ontario Museum, Ontario, Canada*) on 13 February 1985. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **43**: 335–341 (December 1986). Notice of the case was given to ten general and eleven specialist serials. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **43**: 338–339. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn (in part), Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Kabata.

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Gruchy.

Hahn agreed with the suppression of *Coppinia*, but considered that *F. serpens* should be given precedence over *C. intertexta* rather than the latter name being suppressed.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

arcta, Sertularia, Dalyell, 1847, *Rare and remarkable animals of Scotland, represented from living subjects: with practical observations on their nature,* vol. 1, p. 224.

Conchella Gray, 1848, *List of the specimens of British animals in the collection of the British Museum. Part 1. Centroniae or radiated animals,* p. 88.

Coppinia Hassall, 1848, *Zoologist,* **6**: 2223.

Filellum Hincks, 1868, *A history of the British hydroid zoophytes,* vol. 1, p. 214.

intertexta, Campanularia, Couch, 1844, *A Cornish fauna* . . . part 3, p. 41.

serpens, Campanularia, Hassall, 1848, *Zoologist,* **6**: 2223.